However, Government has advised the banks that they should review the periodic rotation of the staff and not let them continue at the same branch/office for the unduly long time. It was also advised that officers and award staff should not normally continue at the same place for more than three and five years respectively and no exemptions have been given from such transfers to office bearers of any recognised officers association.

[Translation]

Videshi Punji Nivesh

3157. SHRI MUNAWWAR HASSAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the caption news-item published in 'Dainik Jagran' dated February 19, 1997 under "Videshi Punji Nivesh ke Dushprinam";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that the foreign investment in the country has come as per the target since the announcement of economic liberalisation policy;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reaction of the Government on the views expressed by the Asian Development Bank in this regard and the import of foreign investment on our economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Closure of Textile Mills

3158. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether some textile mills in Mumbai under the National Textile Corporation are proposed to be closed down;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also proposed to merge some textile mills of Mumbai with other textile mills; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No mill under NTC in Mumbai is proposed to be closed out-right.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) So far as NTC mills in Mumbai are concerned, the modernisation plan prepared by the Textile Research Associations envisages merger of 18 unviable mills into 9 viable mills. The details of the mills to be merged and the resultant units are indicated below:-

Mills to be merged	Resultant viable units
1. Indu Mills No. 3 2. Indu Mills No. 4 3. Indu Mills No. 2	1. Indu Mills No. 3 2. Indu Mills No. 4
4. Mumbai Mills 5. New Hind Mills	3. Mumbai Mills
6. Bharat Mills 7. Jupiter Mills	4. Bharat Mills
8. Gold Mohur Mills 9. Elphinstone Mills	5. Gold Mohur Mills
10. Kohinoor Mills No. 1 11. Kohinoor Mills No. 2 12. Kohinoor Mills No. 3	6. Kohinoor Mills No. 1
13. Tata Mills 14. Jam Mills	7. Tata Mills
15. New City Mills 16. Madhusudan Mills	8. New City Mills
17. Podar Mills 18. Sitaram Mills	9. Podar Mills

[Translation]

Ninth Five Year Plan

3159. SHRI SUKHLAL KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to fix the limit for providing loans to States during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criteria adopted in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) These is no proposal at present with Government of India to fix limit for providing loans to States during the Ninth Five Year Plan.

[English]

Cotton Export Quota

3160. SHRI MADHUKAR SARPOTDAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra has requested to release further export quota to two lakh bales of cotton in favour of Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the 1996-97 season, till 26/12/1996, the Maharashtra State Cooperative Cotton Growers' Marketing Federation Ltd. have been allotted an export quota of 1 lakh bales. Further allocation would be considered after taking into account all relevant factors, including estimates of production, availability consumption, likely surplus, price trends, etc.

Central Loan to States

3161. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN:
SHRI BADAL CHOUDHURY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of loans extended by the Union Government to the different States upto the current financial year, State-wise;

(b) whether there is any plan to exempt the financially weaker States, particularly the N.E. States to repay the loan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) State-wise details of outstanding loss from States to the Ministry of Finance as on 31.12.1996 are given in Statement.

(b) and (c) The Tenth Finance Commission (TFC) has recommended specific relief for all special category States including NE States and other three States viz. Orissa, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh which is characterised by high fiscal stress.

The special relief recommended by TFC is writting off 5 percent of repayment dues in respect of the fresh loans given during 1989-95 and outstanding on 31.3.1995.

STATEMENT

Statement showing amount of loans outstanding as on 31.12.1996 to Ministry of Finance, Government of India.

(Rs. in crores)

No.	State	Loan Outstanding as on 31.12.96
1	2	3
1.	Andhra Pradesh	10501.70
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	185.94
3.	Assam	3649.91
4.	Bihar	9385.04
5.	Goa	800.54
6.	Gujarat	9433.40
7.	Harayana	3489.34
8.	Himachal Pradesh	1635.14
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	2788.51
10.	Karnataka	6468.22
11.	Kerala	4498.51
12.	Madhya Pradesh	6232.44
13.	Maharashtra	15565.23
14.	Manipur	195.47
15.	Maghalaya	228.97
16.	Mizoram	142.05
17.	Nagaland	241.29
18.	Orissa	4560.64
19.	Punjab	10460.42
20.	Rajasthan	6765.46
21.	Sikkim	131.03
22.	Tamil Nadu	8283.94
23.	Tripura	339.97
24.	Uttar Pradesh	20781.56
25.	West Bengal	12708.29
	Total	139573.01

Supply of coal to SEBs

3162. SHRI C. NARASIMHAN:
SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL:
SHRI UTTAMSINGH PAWAR:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the present coal policy of the Government as regards its production and distribution to thermal plants;

(b) the present stock of coal and its estimated production during the current financial year;

(c) the annual requirement of coal of the different State Electricity Boards and the quantum of coal supplied to each State Electricity Board during each of the last three years;

(d) the quantum of coal imported for each SEB during the above period; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to meet the growing demands of coal of SEBs and to check the import of coal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) At present coal is allowed for production by Public Sector Enterprises of the Central and State Governments, Tata Iron and Steel